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2017 Engine Academy in Kamiah

(Kamiah) — Approximately 40 firefighters and support staff participated in extensive training in Kamiah last week.

This is the third year the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) has hosted the Type 3 Engine Academy. Crews will use what they learned in the three-day exercise during the upcoming fire season.

Kamiah High School opened its doors to the Academy, serving as base camp for fire crews and instructors and the site for classroom activities.

Simulating an actual fire event, crews camped out in the gymnasium and on the lawn. They traveled to local field areas for training exercises and proficiency testing in skills such as defensive driving, in-field engine maintenance and mobile attack strategies.

By practicing tactics in a controlled environment, participants became proficient in direct and indirect fire attack, which will result in safer and more effective fire suppression.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) demonstrations showed how new technology can be used in wildland firefighting to capture situational information cheaper, faster, and safer than ever before.

IDL provides fire protection on more than six million acres of private, state and federal forestlands.

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